

THE VERTEX AND YOUR PERSONAL DESTINY

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Listed below is a list of planetary positions at birth for

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Positions of Planets at Birth:

Sun	18	Gem	03	Pluto	9	Vir	38
Moon	13	Cap	49	True Node	20	Can	38
Mercury	25	Tau	17	Asc.	12	Leo	26
Venus	26	Tau	06	MC	3	Tau	22
Mars	3	Vir	13	2nd cusp	4	Vir	26
Jupiter	13	Ari	59	3rd cusp	1	Lib	07
Saturn	23	Aqu	05	5th cusp	8	Sag	52
Uranus	1	Vir	35	6th cusp	12	Cap	44
Neptune	13	Scor	25				

Tropical Placidus Standard time observed

GMT: 14:44:00 Time Zone: 6 hours West

Lat. and Long. of birth: 37 N 46 27 87 W 06 48

Aspects and orbs:

Conjunction	:	7 Deg 00 Min
Opposition	:	4 Deg 00 Min
Square	:	5 Deg 00 Min
Trine	:	5 Deg 00 Min
Sextile	:	4 Deg 00 Min
Quincunx	:	5 Deg 00 Min

INTRODUCTION

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WHAT IS THE VERTEX ASTROLOGICALLY?: The Vertex represents a role or part we play that is not a matter of personal choice but is fated or destined.

We cannot really change things signified by what is involved with the Vertex. Vertex events involve other people. Often their actions come from things already set in motion. They are automatically forcing "personality completion" or bringing out what is expected of us. For example, a person with a Vertex in Cancer may not be comfortable dealing with emotional or family matters until he learns to do so. Vertex events make it possible to learn this.

The Vertex represents one's lot in life determined by one's past. The sign the Vertex is in represents a quality one needs to bring out, i.e. with the Vertex in Aries one needs to bring out initiative, the courage to start new things and to lead. The results are inevitable unless the actions had been changed sometimes years earlier. The Sun on the Ascendant gives a personal approach to life, but one has something to say about it. Sun on the Vertex, though, is a "Key Man" in a group or collective setting and very much subjected to fated situations. Coming on the right side of the chart, the Vertex is also a mirror to ourselves as to how other people see us. It shows expectancies of a person as a result of the reputation he has earned.

The Ascendant is our face to the world; the Vertex tells how the world interprets this face. It represents the result of personal growth as it is interpreted by one's environment as a result of what a person has done.

Therefore, the Vertex symbolizes a facet of our natures that we are compelled to bring forth. One way to think of the vertex is that the ascendant is the body, the MC the soul, and the vertex the spirit. The vertex shows expectancies from a person as a result of the reputation he has earned. It brings forced personality completion since it is a cycle finalizer. It is heavily activated when a cycle is ending. It represents the result of personal growth as it is interpreted by one's environment as a result of what one has done. At the asc. we take from the environment (i.e. food, air, etc.). At the MC we give but with compensation. At the vertex we are expected to return to our environment by service.

The vertex is also known as the wish factor, but these wishes are fulfilled in a perverse manner. There is always the involvement of others in some manner. It is the reflection of what we are (asc.) and what we do (MC). While the descendant reflects how other people react to us, the vertex reflects how our environment responds to us. Many think of it as representing a fated quality in the sense that we have little or no control over its actions.

Being an East-West polarity, the vertex represents others and the anti-vertex, the self. The anti-vertex represents the cause and the vertex, the effect. The anti-vertex indicates an area of ease or favors freely given. We're used to events brought by the anti-vertex. They're comfortable. However, the vertex indicates challenge. These events are impersonal. They're not under our control. Like the nodes of the moon, the north node and the vertex are indicative of challenge and growth while the south node and the anti-vertex are indicative of ease and familiarity. A person needs to go a step higher in the sign of his natal vertex.

THE VERTEX: WHAT YOU'RE FATED TO DEVELOP

The Vertex works somewhat like the Moon's Nodes since the Vertex and its opposite point, the AntiVertex is also an axis. We say we have already developed the qualities of the South Node and we get our greatest growth from the North Node. Likewise, we have well-developed qualities of the AntiVertex, and we need to bring forth the qualities of the Vertex.

How aspects to the Anti-Vertex work

Conjunctions to the Vertex are oppositions to the Anti-Vertex. This shows the need to balance and use what you already know with what you are developing by using what both signs signify.

Sextiles to the Vertex are Trines to the Anti-Vertex. While you have the opportunity to develop the qualities of the Vertex, it is easier for you to express those of the Anti-Vertex. If you allow this, it could hold back your efforts to express the Vertex sign. Used constructively, it's a highly harmonious aspect.

Squares to the Vertex are also squares to the Anti-Vertex, so you have impediments in developing the things signified by the Vertex sign and from using the innate talents of the Anti-Vertex. This is the most challenging aspect of all.

Trines to the Vertex are the easiest and usually most favorable aspects. They are also sextiles to the Anti-Vertex, so you have both the ease and opportunity to develop what these signs signify.

Oppositions to the Vertex are conjunctions to the Anti-Vertex. Here you have the strong well-developed talents of the Anti-Vertex, which may overshadow your development of the Vertex sign. Neglecting one over the other is not the best use of this. You may meet opposition from someone else when your fated events occur, or you may take the easier path of the Anti-Vertex.

Quincunxes to the Vertex are also semi-sextiles to the Anti-Vertex. While you're fated to develop the sign of the Vertex, help from your Anti-Vertex is just beginning to develop giving you little help from previous development. This results in minor irritations that could eventually develop into big problems such as health or financial concerns. To handle this you have to adjust to the differences of the two signs.

Vertex in Sagittarius, Anti-Vertex in Gemini

You are expected to develop broad vision and a deeper understanding of the significance behind the facts. You may develop a new religious awareness or a philosophical view of things. You could become inspired by reaching toward higher truth. You may travel or attain a higher education, deal with legal principles, teach a class dealing with religion or philosophy, and editorialize, promote, or bring understanding to difficult situations. Doing these things may teach you to have faith in yourself, your abilities, and your goals in life. You will learn that faith in yourself must come from faith in something outside the self.

Not accomplishing your goals may incline you to accept a law or principle without looking past the facts to see how it will actually affect people. You will find it difficult to accept the accolades and rewards you have earned and, instead, drift aimlessly through life. The Gemini Anti-Vertex shows a mind and communication skills well suited to developing Sagittarius principles. Your previous life work has dealt in concrete facts and education that equip you to go farther.

Vertex in 5th house:

Your ability to be creative and yet retain your individuality is one possible issue. You have much to offer the world but need to develop the self-esteem and courage to have the confidence to do so. Your generosity and ability inclines people to call on you to work on entertainment projects or to guide young people, which you often do by example as well as work. For some, love affairs, romance, or sports become the vehicle to bring these about. You are expected to retain a sunny disposition.

Vertex Trine Uranus:

You benefit from the surprising events in your life. Friends open your world to greater things than you ever dreamed of. Humanitarian and group activities are favored. Your uniqueness is an asset to you, and others find you to be an interesting person. You may be ahead of your time.

Vertex Quincunx Mercury:

Your attitude toward education is to balance education and other areas of your life. You may not understand the importance you place on work and study, and you find going along with other's ideas difficult. Respiratory problems may occur. Being around smoke or unclean air is especially detrimental for you.

Vertex Quincunx Venus:

You are certainly one who needs to know yourself well and define what you want out of life. If you don't you may compromise more than is necessary and then resent others for having to do so. Your efforts to improve or maintain your appearance give you more confidence. Throat or voice problems may arise at times.

THE ASCENDANT: WHO YOU ARE

The Ascendant is who you are and how you express yourself. The Midheaven describes what you do (your career) and also one of your parents. As a result of how you express yourself and what you do, you are expected to express the characteristics and tasks of the Vertex.

Leo Rising:

You come across as a person with a strong personality. If the sun is strong you might tend to dominate others. You have vitality and generosity. You are both willing and able to be "boss." You're quick-tempered but unable to stay angry long. The "lion" roars and after the roar is over you look around to see what's the matter with everyone else. You're honest, direct, loyal, romantic, and idealistic. If you have not learned to be generous, you can be egotistical and willful. Your dignity and pride keep you appearing to be on top of the world even when you're not. Generally Leos seem happy, sunny, and cheerful.

You have a need for being the center of attention unless your sun is in a shy sign such as Cancer or Virgo. Then you vacillate from wanting to be the center of attention to being reluctant to do so. Usually there is a need for applause, love, appreciation, and approval. When these are forthcoming, you are at your best. If not, you almost "wilt." Those with Leo ascendant children or spouses can have them "wrapped around their little finger" by displaying the approval and appreciation they need so much. A little flattery goes a long way. You have dignity and pride. You cannot stand pettiness or secrecy. You feel that if something has to be hidden it is not worthy of

you. You're overly conscious of the appearance of your hair. A bad hair day can be devastating. You have a flare for the dramatic. Lavish entertainments come naturally to you.

ASPECTS TO THE ASCENDANT

The Adjectives in Interpretation

Aspects to the Ascendant are like the adjectives in a sentence. They tell who, what, when, why, and how the Ascendant is affected. Taking interpretation to this level enables you to know yourself much more specifically. Every ascendant aspect shows a potential for different expressions of the personality. Regardless of the ascendant sign, it takes on the characteristics of the planets (energies) aspecting it, and the kind of aspect (conjunction, sextile, square, trine, quincunx, or opposition) tells how you are apt to express this energy. Usually we can choose to express this energy positively or negatively.

Moon Quincunx Asc.:

Your feelings tend to conflict with the needs and desires of others. You are so eager to show that you really care about others that you allow them to take advantage of your sympathetic nature. You will always be able to earn a living because you know how to adapt to a variety of employment requirements. You are attracted to positions that serve the public. Sometimes you may be criticized for doing more than your share.

Jupiter Trine Asc.:

Using your enormous creative abilities makes you feel that you will always succeed. You fear that you won't, though, overestimating other people's skills and underestimating your own. You are highly regarded by those you work for. To gain the respect you crave you do more than your share. You need to discipline yourself in working toward your goals. Having high regard for people who win honors, you hope to do so for yourself. Lost opportunities can come when you are careless about managing your financial affairs. Your talents are needed in many fields.

Neptune Square Asc.:

You are sometimes referred to as "out of it" when you live in your dream world. Some are unreliable and deceptive to their marriage partners or may be deceived by them. You're overly sensitive to criticism, so you often fail to assert yourself when you should defend yourself against adversaries. Though your imagination is well-developed, you lack the determination to benefit from it. You are easily victimized because you are too naively willing to listen to others.

THE MIDHEAVEN: HOW HIGH CAN YOU REACH

The Midheaven (MC) indicates the highest level to which one may aspire. It shows one's position or status in the world and what the person has aspired to achieve. It also indicates a parent or parents from whom a person gets his station in life, especially as a child, and indicates how far a person is able to rise above his birth condition. Later, this status comes from his employer or the nature of his life's work. Ambition, or its lack, is indicated here too. The Midheaven shows how favorably or unfavorably a person is known. The sign, ruler, and aspects to the ruler indicate the ease or difficulty one has in reaching his potential. Planets in the 10th house

may give additional information. Politically it has a connection with the government.

MC in Taurus

You attract material things because there is generosity and givingness that others don't have. You do not have difficulty manifesting substance. You feel a sense of abundance in your life, but where authority is concerned, you will not delegate it to another. You have trouble letting go of prestige, importance, and authority. You see one of your parents as stable and conservative. This parent enjoys the peace and quiet of his home as well as good food, beautiful possessions, and comforts. If the ruler, Venus, is afflicted the more negative Taurus traits such as stubbornness, self-indulgence, being slow moving, and possessiveness may be seen. You may benefit from lucky coups if the rest of your chart indicates a commercial orientation. You would like executive positions since you are better at giving orders than taking them. Prestige is important to you so you will never let anyone know if you don't succeed. This enables you to keep up a good front. You have a generous, lavish attitude. With Cancer or Virgo rising rather than Leo, these traits are less obvious, but your ambition is not lessened at all. You like and need status and your ego needs to be expressed. When your "stubbornness" is used as perseverance, you can be highly successful. People depend on you.

ASPECTS TO THE MIDHEAVEN *How You Handle Each Stage of Your Life*

Aspect you have to your Midheaven give a more thorough interpretation of how you come across than the sign only. When we are born we get our identity from our parents or the circumstances of our birth. With each stage of development we usually have more control of this public image. As a child you began to develop an identity through your social contacts as well as your parents. As a teenager, you begin to establish your own identity apart from your parents. Next, your educational level and your job or career identifies you. Marriage usually brings a major change in identity, and so on as does every stage of your life. The sign and aspects to the Midheaven indicate how you handle these stages. With each planet we develop differently.

Mars Trine MC:

With a gift of gab you can talk yourself into or out of almost any situation. You state your ideas very positively. You can be easy to get along with as long as people understand your enthusiastic approach to life. You're independent and capable of a prodigious amount of effort. You throw yourself into your efforts with much enthusiasm. You're strong-willed with much organizing ability. Others usually accept your leadership.

Uranus Trine MC:

You are not one to be held back by tradition, so you'll choose a career which is out of the ordinary. Science, engineering, electronics, aviation, computers or other technical fields are some of the possibilities. You relate well to others but like to be free to use and enjoy life at your own pace. You're constantly in pursuit of the new and different. Professional success and even fame through unique contributions are possible. Success comes suddenly. You often find your own company more exciting than the company of others.

THE IMUM COELI: WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL SECURE

The MC and the IC are the parental axis. Aries on the IC means that one parent is described by the Libra MC and the other by the Aries IC. These signs do not necessarily describe the parents so much as your perceptions of your parents. Thus, your perceptions may be very different from those of a brother or sister with the same parents. Like the natural sign of this cusp, Cancer, the 4th house cusp (Imum Coeli or IC), represents nurturing, security, and your base of operations. Security usually comes from the nurturing parent, whether this is the father, mother, or other caregiver. In a broader sense it represents protections such as police, military personnel, or fortifications. It shows whether or not you have a base of operations you can count on and a place where you feel secure. It describes the actual home or dwelling where you live. In addition it represents conditions in the last years of your life. The sign, ruler, and aspects to the ruler as well as planets in the house describe these conditions in your life.

IC in Scorpio

One of your parents is a person whose feelings are deep and strong. This may be a parent who provides an inheritance for you late in life. He/she can be overpowering, secretive, sarcastic, vengeful, or intolerant if your Mars or Pluto is afflicted (with squares or oppositions). If not, this parent may be resourceful, probing, scientific, determined, passionate, and energetic.

You may do a lot of fussing or complaining in your home. Criticism of your family is for you only though; outsiders must not say anything against them since you are very protective. You need a space of your own somewhere in your home, a study, a den, a basement, or anywhere that is yours alone. You not only want to be by yourself at times but you must do so. You can change or transform yourself. There is something unusual about your family background. Wealth can come late in life, possibly through real estate. There are times when you need to avoid coming on too strong. It is not to your advantage to be tactless, sarcastic, or critical of others.

You will want your privacy in your last years. This is partly due to the fact that often you are more interesting to yourself than others are. You like to be able to choose the times when you associate with others.

THE DESCENDANT: HOW YOU RELATE TO OTHERS

Since you are represented by the ascendant, the descendant or 7th house cusp describes others you attract into your life. This includes your spouse or the person who is most important to you with whom you operate as an equal as well as others in general. Open enemies and opponents are shown here too. The descendant is a reflection of who you are. i.e. An aggressive or self-centered Aries ascendant attracts a Libra type who is a more easy-going other-centered person; a Leo ascendant person being too personal attracts an Aquarian type who is impersonal. Each ascendant type attracts its opposite sign and often projects his own needs on this person. In conflicts such as court actions, power struggles, or war, the descendant describes the nature of the opponent. Libra, the natural ruler of the 7th, seeks balance and harmony even if he has to fight to get it. The descendant sign, ruler, aspects to the ruler, and planets in the 7th if there are any describe contracts and public relations.

Desc in Aquarius

This is not the easiest position for marriage or partnerships. With your Leo ascendant you are a very strong individual. You want the freedom to be yourself and do the things you want to do. The person you attract has this same desire. For this relationship to work you must both have the freedom to be who you are. The marriage partner may be either brilliant or eccentric. You want to know, for no rational reason, at all times where your

partner is. After all, the king must know what his queen is up to. You seek a partner who will stimulate you intellectually and be a real friend. This person must be able to act independently so you may have the freedom you need.

You attract an unusual partner or have a non-traditional type of relationship. Sometimes the partner is aggravating or a law unto himself. With Leo rising you may try to change your partner to suit you. The usual result is marital ups and downs or possibly divorce if this freedom is not given from and toward you. Marriages often occur suddenly with a short courtship so that you may not develop a real relationship and know what your partner is like. With greater exposure reality sets in bringing disillusionment. Parents with Leo rising children need to do all they can to prepare the child to look beyond his own needs and give a relationship time to reveal what the prospective partner is really like. In extreme cases, you give little importance to your mate and make the public or your clients the important ones in your life.

Another type of relationship you are prone to is a relationship with an extremely close friend or a superficial impersonal acquaintance though there is a rapid turn over. This position does not favor politics if Uranus is afflicted because you are unpredictable at times, or you attract unusual circumstances or unpredictable actions from your partner. With an afflicted Uranus, too, you should avoid lawsuits, politics, or relations with the public due to your unwillingness or inability to cooperate. If Uranus is not afflicted, these areas of your life may be highly unpredictable or unusual. You have an intuitive awareness of other people's moods and feelings.

THE NODES: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The Moon's nodes move at a rate of about 3' per day making them very useful in natal, progressed, solar arc, and transit charts. There is an electromagnetic disturbance when the Moon crosses the ecliptic. Unlike the planets, the Nodes in themselves are not energies although they are based on the Moon. They operate in a polarity, the North Node and the South Node. They are representative of the disturbing nature of changes. Since the Nodes always oppose each other, there is a quality of finality in its interpretation. If the North Node is stronger (i.e. a conjunction of the North Node and an opposition to the South Node, or a quincunx to the North Node and a semi-sextile to the South Node) these disturbances show changes to be more open and expansive according to the Jupiterian nature of the North Node. If the stronger aspect is to the South Node, the opposite indicates that the disturbances may be just as severe but will be less public in its manifestation giving a more Saturnian nature. This is not to say that one is better than the other. Some benefit comes from any change, no matter how disturbed the normal conditions of life may be during the time of flux.

The Nodes have much to do with relating - how we relate to new people, conditions, or any change from the normal. We find them activated when people enter or leave the life, new jobs or work relationships either entering or leaving the life, or new neighbors or friends who enter or leave.

There's a karmic aspect to the Nodes. We have already experienced and developed the nature of the South Node, so this is the more comfortable placement. The North Node shows an area where we get our greatest growth and development, but these changes are not as comfortable because they represent new relationships or experiences.

North Node in Cancer, South Node in Capricorn

You have felt that no one takes care of you. As a protection, you have become rigidly opinionated, self-righteous, and materialistic. You may work harder than you need to and make yourself ill in proving to others how burdened you are. It helps in your present development to let go of your control and feeling responsible for everything. Respond instead with caring, compassion, and nourishment of others. Your family background is important to you. Some have a subconscious memory of a past sense of dignity and authority. The weaknesses of others give you the idea of taking charge. You may believe that some areas of life experiences are beneath you. Other's weaknesses trigger a strong need in you to take charge.

A parent may have a powerful influence on you, sometimes making you feel that you can't live up to this parent's expectations, or he encourages you to believe you are destined to be sitting on top of the world. This brings discontent with whatever situation you are in for it always falls short of what you feel you were meant to do. There is much parental defiance masking a strong need for parental love. Avoid becoming cold, rigid, and pessimistic in your climb to the top positions by making time for home and family life. There's greater happiness in following your personal instincts than being driven by ambition. If you are forced to take a back seat, you feel worthless. You must learn maturity and build a practical foundation for the future. Avoid your past life pattern of achievement for the sake of recognition and appreciation.

North Node in 12th House, South Node in 6th House:

Your task is to give service or suffer. You need to integrate ideals and visions with discrimination, practical skills and hard work and a willingness to serve without being a martyr. You also have a need for spiritual seeking while maintaining earthly responsibilities. You can have a need for compassion and caring while avoiding super sensitivity. You may have to serve without individual choice. Your work area is often a confining issue for you; however, it is an area you must face. Working with institutions or dealing with behind-the-scenes activities is quite significant for you in this lifetime. You use your psychic sensitivity in your daily routine. In your work you are methodical, practical, punctual, and steady. Physical concerns, such as problems with the digestive system or circulation, need attention, yet your physical health is not necessarily weak.

You have an interest in karma or life as a continuous process as well as reincarnation that is significant to you. You fear and worry about not performing enough. Your tendency to over-analyze can keep you from learning faith and trust in a higher power. It is essential that you spend some time alone.

North Node Quincunx Saturn:

Relationships can be restrictive until you learn to assert yourself. There are karmic lessons to fulfill, and until you can deal from a position of strength, you may have to learn from these lessons. These relationships, while not easy, could build potency of character for you.